RESOLUTION 071017

OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

WHEREAS, the proposed Federal Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget calls for the elimination of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which funds a myriad of social service, economic development, and housing programs in this community; and

WHEREAS, for this body and many others across the Commonwealth, forty-two years of Community Development Block Grant funding has developed a strong network of relationships between this Borough of Gettysburg, residents and the many non-profit agencies that provide services and help make possible our commitment to our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, this body in partnership with a statewide advocate, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is an important linkage of federal, state, and local government, business, non-profit and community efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG Program, administered by the local government and often delivered by local non-profit organizations, relies heavily on the dedication of and goodwill of our combined efforts; and

WHEREAS, this community recognizes all the participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhood and their low- and moderate-income residents help insure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Gettysburg Borough Council opposes the proposed elimination of the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this community hereby petition the U.S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower income neighborhoods, to strongly oppose any proposal to eliminate or reduce funding to the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government, and that this body's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of this, and the next session of Congress.

ATTEST:

Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary

Date

Robert L. Krummerich, President Gettysburg Borough Council